

# House File 599 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 164)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hunting by persons under the age of sixteen.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 8, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. A ~~resident of the state~~ person under sixteen years of  
4 age is not required to have a hunting license to hunt game if  
5 accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian or in company  
6 with any other competent adult with the consent of the minor's  
7 parent or guardian, if the person accompanying the minor  
8 possesses a valid hunting license; however, there must be one  
9 licensed adult accompanying each person under sixteen years  
10 of age. The minor must have a deer hunting license to hunt  
11 deer and a wild turkey hunting license to hunt wild turkey.  
12 This subsection is not restricted by the provisions of section  
13 483A.31.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Under current law, a resident who is under 16 years old is  
18 not required to have a license to hunt game if the minor is  
19 accompanied by the minor's parent, guardian, or other competent  
20 adult with consent from the minor's parent or guardian and the  
21 person accompanying the minor has a valid hunting license.  
22 This bill allows any person under 16 years of age to hunt  
23 game without a license while accompanied by the minor's  
24 parent, guardian, or other competent adult with the parent  
25 or guardian's consent and the accompanying adult has a valid  
26 hunting license. Any person hunting deer must still have a  
27 valid deer hunting license and any person hunting wild turkey  
28 must still have a valid wild turkey hunting license. The  
29 provisions of the bill are not restricted by a nonresident's  
30 state's failure to provide reciprocal benefits to Iowa  
31 residents.